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FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN AUG 3, 1977 JAPAN TIMES: QUOTE
ONE OUT OF THREE KILLED IN HIROSHIMA CENTER

1. HIROSHIMA (KYODO)--ONE OUT OF THREE PERSON WITHIN
THE RADIUS OF 500 TO 2,000 METERS FROM THE BLAST CENTER
OF THE ATOMIC BOMB WHICH FELL ON THE CITY OF HIROSHIMA
IN AUGUST 1945 ARE FOUND TO HAVE DIED WITHIN THREE
MONTHS OF THE BOMBING, A SURVEY BY THE HIROSHIMA
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SHOWS.

2. THE SURVEY WAS STARTED IN 1969 BY HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY'S
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY AT
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THE REQUEST OF HIROSHIMA GOVERNMENT.

3. THE SURVEY IS DESIGNED TO FULLY RECONSTRUCT ON
MAPS THE COMMUNITIES LIVING IN THE HEART OF HIROSHIMA
CITY AT THE TIME OF ATOMIC BOMBING. THE BOMBING
ALMOST WIPED OUT THE CITY.

4. THE RESULT OF THE SURVEY IS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE IT SUCCEEDED IN COLLECTING DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE HUMAN AND MATERIAL DAMAGE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE BOMBING 32 YEARS AGO.

5. STAFF MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE COLLECTED LISTS OF HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAD BEEN LIVING IN 114 AREAS WITHIN THE RADIUS OF 2,000 METERS FROM THE CENTER OF THE BLAST.

6. THEY ALSO INTERVIEWED A NUMBER OF ATOMIC BOMB SUFFERERS TO FIND OUT HOW THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY THE BOMBING.

7. AS A RESULT, THE RESEARCHERS SUCCEEDED IN IDENTIFYING 31,416 HOUSEHOLDS, OR 80.7 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAD BEEN LIVING WITHIN THE 500-2,000 METER RADIUS. THEY ALSO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER UP-TO-DATE REPORTS ON 15,830 HOUSEHOLDS, OR 40.7 PER CENT.

8. THE SURVEY HAS FOUND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT 52 PERCENT OF THE INHABITANTS WITHIN THE 500-1,000 METER RADIUS HAD DIED BY THE END OF OCTOBER 1945. THE FIGURE WAS 23 PERCENT FOR THE 1,000-1,500 METER RADIUS AND 18 PERCENT FOR THE 1,500-2,000 METER RADIUS.

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9. THE AVERAGE DEATH RATE STOOD AT 34 PERCENT WITHIN THE RADIUS OF 500 TO 2,000 METERS WHERE ALL STRUCTURES WERE LOST IN A RESULTANT FIRE.

10. THE LATEST SURVEY FOUND THAT 89.2 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE 500-METER RADIUS HAD LOST THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS DUE TO THE ATOMIC BOMBING. THE FIGURE WAS 79.4 PERCENT FOR THE 500-1,000 METER RADIUS AND 53 PERCENT FOR THE 1,000-1,500 METER RADIUS.

11. AN EARLIER SURVEY BY THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE HAD FOUND THAT THE DEATH RATE FOR THE 500-METER RADIUS WAS 64 PERCENT.

12. THIS INDICATED THAT ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS IN THE "BURNED-OUT AREA" HAD LOST THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS IN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS OF THE ATOMIC BOMBING.

13. BY SEX, THE NUMBER OF WOMEN WHO DIED IN THE ATOMIC BOMBING OF THE CITY STOOD AT 15,836 COMPARED WITH 11,979

MALE VICTIMS. RESEARCHERS SAID THE MAJOR VICTIMS
OF THE GENOCIDE HAD BEEN HOUSEWIVES STAYING AT HOME.

14. IT WAS THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE WHICH
ORIGINALLY STARTED WORKING IN 1968 TO COLLECT DATA
ON THE DAMAGE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE ATOMIC BOMBING
OF THEY CITY.

15. THE SUBJECT OF THE INSTITUTE'S ORIGINAL
SURVEY, HOWEVER, WERE LIMITED TO THE HOUSEHOLDS
WITHIN A RADIUS OF 500 METERS.

16. THE HIROSHIMA MUNICIPAL GOVERMENT COMMISSIONED
THE INSTITUTE IN 1969 TO EXPAND THE SUBJECTS OF ITS
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SURVEY TO THE HOUSEHOLDS FORMERLY LIVING WITHIN THE
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